



In America everybody tries to be very careful and fair when deciding whether people have broken the law or not. That's because if people are found guilty of breaking the law, they can be punished.

It is not enough that the judge thinks the defendant probably broke the law. The law says that a judge cannot find a person guilty unless the judge feels certain that the person broke the law.

## Rules for Witnesses

- Tell the truth.
- If you can't remember something or don't understand what someone says, say so.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, say you don't know – don't guess.
- If you don't agree with what someone asks you, tell them that you don't agree.
- If you are sure about the answer to a question, you can say so. If you are not sure, you can tell the judge what parts you are not sure of.
- Talk to the judge if something is bothering you or if you have a question while you are being a witness.